

## ***How Assistance to Firefighter Grants were Awarded Across New York State in 2002***

The federal government's Assistance to Firefighter Grants program provides direct funding on a project-by-project basis to local fire departments to help them improve their fire safety and operating efficiency. In 2003, fire departments are more likely than ever to receive fire assistance funding because the money available through program grants has more than doubled since last year, increasing from \$360 million to \$750 million.

Since he co-sponsored the legislation that led to the creation of the grant program in 2001, Senator Schumer has been a strong advocate for its expansion and for New York fire departments to take advantage of it. With the application deadline just ten days away, it is vital that New York State fire departments submit their proposals immediately to the U.S. Fire Administration. Application materials can be found on Senator Schumer's website at [www.schumer.senate.gov](http://www.schumer.senate.gov). In 2002, the grant program provided fire departments across Upstate New York with 221 grants amounting to approximately \$12.5 million. With more money available in 2003, this amount could easily double. The following report provides a county-by-county breakdown of how the 2002 grants were awarded.

***The Capital Region:*** In 2002, there were 23 firefighter grants made to fire departments in the Capital Region, awarding almost \$1.1 million to improve local firefighting capabilities.

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Amount of Grants</b>
Albany	6	\$180,941
Rensselaer	5	\$252,909
Schenectady	2	\$175,510
Saratoga	-	-
Fulton	3	\$254,357
Montgomery	2	\$90,261



Schoharie	4	\$123,286
Washington	1	\$11,790
<b>Capital Region</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$1,089,054</b>

***Central New York:** In 2002, there were 21 firefighter grants made to fire departments in Central New York, awarding approximately \$1.2 million to improve local firefighting capabilities.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Amount of Grants</b>
Oneida	6	\$435,623
Oswego	5	\$255,098
Madison	3	\$182,070
Cortland	2	\$94,689
Onondaga	5	\$201,923
<b>Central New York</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$1,169,403</b>

***The Finger Lakes:** In 2002, there were 31 firefighter grants made to fire departments in the Finger Lakes, awarding \$1.6 million to improve local firefighting capabilities.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Amount of Grants</b>
Cayuga	7	\$318,339
Seneca	-	-
Yates	2	\$157,105
Ontario	5	\$220,891
Wayne	5	\$117,000
Monroe	6	\$330,601
Livingston	2	\$93,330
Schuyler	1	\$306,000
Tompkins	3	\$67,026
<b>Finger Lakes</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$1,610,292</b>

***The Hudson Valley:** In 2002, there were 35 firefighter grants made to fire departments in the*



*Hudson Valley, awarding \$2.6 million to improve local firefighting capabilities.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Amount of Grants</b>
Westchester	8	\$1,025,136
Rockland	2	\$71,280
Putnam	-	-
Dutchess	1	\$31,500
Ulster	8	\$602,265
Sullivan	4	\$345,154
Orange	3	\$192,251
Greene	4	\$174,491
Columbia	5	\$154,233
<b>Hudson Valley</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$2,596,310</b>

***The North Country:** In 2002, there were 28 firefighter grants made to fire departments in the North Country, awarding over \$1.6 million to improve local firefighting capabilities.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Amount of Grants</b>
Warren	1	\$19,232
Essex	3	\$204,501
Clinton	2	\$102,875
Franklin	5	\$215,002
Hamilton	1	\$97,791
St Lawrence	1	\$40,479
Herkimer	4	\$272,599
Lewis	5	\$284,054
Jefferson	6	\$394,680
<b>North Country</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$1,631,213</b>

***The Southern Tier:** In 2002, there were 35 firefighter grants made to fire departments in the*



*Southern Tier, awarding over \$1.6 million to improve local firefighting capabilities.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Amount of Grants</b>
Delaware	5	\$260,621
Otsego	2	\$75,425
Chenango	5	\$207,281
Broome	7	\$272,416
Tioga	3	\$155,327
Chemung	1	\$92,120
Steuben	4	\$189,458
Allegany	8	\$383,809
<b>Southern Tier</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$1,636,457</b>

*Western New York: In 2002, there were 48 firefighter grants made to fire departments in Western New York, awarding \$2.8 million to improve local firefighting capabilities.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Amount of Grants</b>
Orleans	4	\$223,776
Genesee	8	\$502,442
Wyoming	1	\$27,000
Erie	16	\$807,290
Niagara	7	\$579,948
Cattaraugus	5	\$288,077
Chautauqua	7	\$376,896
<b>Western New York</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$2,805,477</b>